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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Laurie A. Castonguay et al.

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R. K. Covington

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action dated March 27, 2008, for which a reply is due by June 11, 2008.

Applicants hereby file a Request for Continued Examination accompanied by an amendment of the claims and the requisite fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e), and **the requisite fees for a 1 month extension**. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendments and arguments.

Any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 23 of this Amendment.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.

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